

Important HP Media Center PC Updates

Your system uses Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005. Before starting the system and using the Media Center setup wizard, please read this updated information regarding the following topics. Please keep this information with your Media Center documentation.

Documentation Updates

IMPORTANT: For the latest information about setting up your HP Media Center PC, refer to the setup poster that was included with your HP Media Center PC.

The information in the setup poster replaces the information in the "Inventory," "Setting Up the PC," and "Connecting the Television Signal" sections in the *HP Media Center PC Getting Started Guide*.

For additional assistance, you can go to the HP Customer Care Web site at:

<http://www.hp.com/support>

Hardware updates

The PC components listed in the "Inventory" section of the *HP Media Center PC Getting Started Guide* are not an exact representation of what was included with your HP Media Center PC.

- Some of the components listed in the *Getting Started Guide* are optional and are for select models only.
- Some of the components included with your PC model may not be listed in the *Getting Started Guide*.
- Your HP Media Center PC may not include speakers. HP speakers can be purchased separately. For some models, speakers are included with the HP Pavilion monitor.
- The HP Media Center PC comes with a camera docking bay. The camera, docking station, and the docking station bay lids are optional items that can be purchased separately.

Software updates

HP Organize

The HP Organize software, mentioned in the *HP Media Center PC Getting Started Guide*, is included with select models only.

Television Program Guide

The Television Program Guide in Media Center is a service contracted by Microsoft that provides TV listings information, such as channel, network, program title, summary, and scheduled broadcast times. This service is currently not available in some countries/regions. This service is not available in Australia and New Zealand.

In countries/regions where the Guide is not available, please refer to the "Recording Manually" section in the *Microsoft Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 Software Guide* for more information about recording TV programs.

Online Spotlight

Online Spotlight is a link to the Microsoft Web site where you can find the latest Media Center information and media offers and services. This site is periodically updated by Microsoft. Some of the services listed may not be available in some countries/regions. Some of the services listed may not be available in Australia and New Zealand.

You must be connected to the Internet to access the Online Spotlight Web site.

PC Setup Tips

Choosing a PC setup location

If you intend to connect your PC to your TV, a set-top box, or a surround sound system, HP recommends that you choose a clear working area with easy access to the connectors of these devices. If your TV is wall-mounted, make sure that you have access to the rear ports on the TV before attempting to connect it to the PC.

Choosing a display

HP recommends using a PC monitor to initially set up the PC, because it may be difficult to view text and images on a TV due to the higher resolution of Microsoft Windows XP.

Using additional video cables

NOTE: A component video output option is for select models only.

If you plan to connect your TV to the PC, you may need additional cables that are not included with your PC. HP Media Center PC models have different video output options, depending on your PC model. The options are: S-video, composite video, component, VGA, and DVI. For best video quality use the DVI, then VGA, then component option (only available on a digital TV). The next best option is S-video, followed by composite video. Check the documentation that came with your PC and TV to determine which cables you need.

NOTE: HP does not recommend video cable lengths over 1.5 meters (4.9 feet).

Using additional sound cables

If you plan to connect the PC audio to an amplifier or a TV, you may need additional sound cables that are not included with your PC. Your PC is able to output sound in several modes. Your PC has 3.5-mm female stereo headphone jacks for each output. Most amplifiers have RCA inputs. You need one 3.5-mm male to RCA stereo cable for stereo sound. You need four 3.5-mm male to RCA cables for 7.1 surround sound. Check the documentation that came with your audio equipment for the best input method.

Using a video game console device

If you are using a video game console device, such as a Microsoft Xbox, Sony PlayStation 2, or Nintendo GameCube, HP recommends that you connect it directly to your display device using video signal-switching hardware (not included) or connect it to a separate TV rather than connecting it directly to the PC.

Using Media Center Setup Wizard for Optional Setup of Your TV Display

If your TV connects to the system using a composite or S-video connection, the Media Center setup wizard cannot make automatic adjustment of settings for your TV display.

This automatic adjustment is available during the Optional Setup, within the option *Optimize how Media Center looks on your display*. Instead of using the wizard for automatic adjustment, set the TV display by using the Windows Desktop Properties.

The following procedure describes what to do within the Media Center setup wizard and how to use the Windows Desktop Properties to adjust settings for your TV display:

- 1 During the Media Center setup wizard, at the Optional Setup, after you select **Optimize how Media Center looks on your display**, select the display type for *Identify Your Display Type*, and then select the *Connection Type* for your TV display by proceeding as described below:
 - If you choose the option **Composite or S-video**, click **Next**, and then continue with step 2 that follows.
 - If you choose the options **DVI or VGA** or **Component (YPbPr)**, you do not need to continue with this procedure. Continue using the wizard so the wizard can adjust your TV display.
- 2 On the next screen, select **Keep my current settings and continue**, and then click **Next**. Do not select the option *Preview Automatic Adjustment*.

IMPORTANT: If you choose the option *Preview Automatic Adjustment*, the screen may appear black or seem to halt for approximately 20 seconds. Wait until the wizard screen reappears, choose **Do not adjust any settings**, click **Next**, and then continue with the next step in this procedure.

- 3 Continue using the wizard until finished, and then either close or minimize Media Center.

4 Right-click a free area of the Windows desktop and choose **Properties**.

5 Click the **Settings** tab, and then click the **Advanced** button on that tab.

6 Click the **ATI Displays** tab.

Or

Click the **GeForce 6600** tab. Click **nView Display Settings, Device Settings**, and then you can select the various screen adjustment settings. Click **Apply** and then click **OK**.

7 Click the **TV** button (the small bar above the TV icon). The TV Properties window opens. (Your TV must be connected to the system.)

NOTE: You may need to click the **On** button (at the left corner of the TV button bar) to make the On button green, and then click **Apply**.

8 Click the **Adjustments** tab.

9 Adjust the screen position or screen size, and then click **Apply**.

10 Click **OK** as needed to close the windows.

11 Repeat steps 4 through 10 to adjust your TV display settings.

Configuring Audio Out

After configuring the Media Center speaker settings using the Media Center setup wizard, check that the Sound Effect Manager shows the correct speaker system setup. Use this procedure anytime you change the speaker setup.

NOTE: If you are using digital audio out, you do not need to perform this procedure.

1 Close or minimize Media Center.

2 Click the **Sound Effect** speaker icon in the system tray.

3 Check that the speaker setup matches your speaker system. Adjust settings if necessary.

Using HP Tunes in Media Center

To use HP Tunes and iTunes with Media Center you need to:

1 Initialize iTunes by completing a setup wizard.

2 Add songs to the iTunes library and create playlists. HP Tunes only displays songs and playlists that exist in iTunes.

NOTE: If you do not complete these steps, an error message is displayed when HP Tunes is launched indicating that a problem has occurred in iTunes that is preventing this program from running.

Completing the iTunes Setup Wizard

1 Close Media Center, if open.

2 Double-click the **iTunes** shortcut icon on the desktop.

3 When the iTunes Setup Assistant wizard opens, follow the onscreen instructions.

4 Close iTunes.

5 Open Media Center, and then open HP Tunes.



Adding songs to the iTunes library

You can add songs to the iTunes library from HP Tunes in Media Center or from iTunes on your desktop.

To add songs using iTunes:

1 Double-click the **iTunes** shortcut icon on the desktop.

2 Insert a CD into the drive. After a moment the songs on the CD are listed in the iTunes window.

3 Click the **Import** button at the top right corner of the iTunes window.



NOTE: For more information about adding songs and creating playlists in iTunes, see the Help menu in iTunes.

Adding songs in HP Tunes

You can add songs to the iTunes and HP Tunes library from HP Tunes in Media Center.

To add songs using HP Tunes:

- 1 Press the Media Center Start button on the remote control, and then select **HP Tunes**.
- 2 Insert a CD into the drive.
- 3 Select **Albums**.
- 4 Select the music CD.
- 5 Select **Copy CD**. The songs are added to your music library.



Delays with HP Tunes

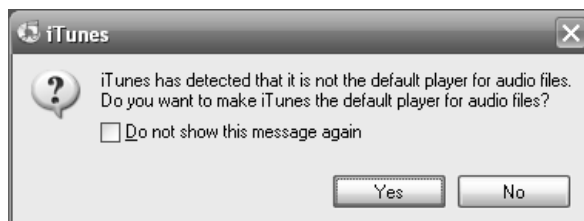
When using HP Tunes, you may experience some delays or HP Tunes may not function properly. These delays can occur because:

- There is an audio CD in the drive and HP Tunes is attempting to connect to an Internet database to find music information, such as song titles.
- There is a large collection of songs in your music library.
- Windows Media Player or another music playback program is set as the default player. See the following procedure.

Selecting a default audio player

If you have already set your default audio player to Windows Media Player, you may experience a delay when trying to open HP Tunes. To resolve this issue:

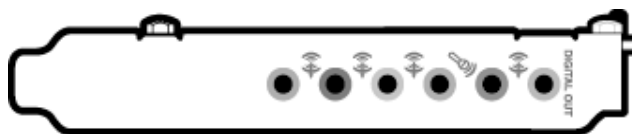
- 1 Close Media Center, if open.
- 2 Double-click the **iTunes** shortcut icon on the desktop.
- 3 When the iTunes default player for audio files window appears, place a check mark in the *Do not show this message again* checkbox, and then click **Yes** or **No**.



- 4 If you have not completed the iTunes Set-up Assistant wizard, follow the onscreen instructions.
- 5 Open Media Center, and then open HP Tunes.

Connecting 7.1 Speakers or Digital Audio to a Sound Card

If you have a sound card and you want to connect 7.1 speakers, you must purchase Creative Inspire T7700 speakers.



If you have a sound card and you are connecting your home stereo AV receiver via Digital Out, connect the red RCA stereo plug on the 3.5-mm Y cable to the AV receiver's digital input connector. If the red RCA stereo plug does not work, try the white stereo plug. One of the connectors is not used.



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